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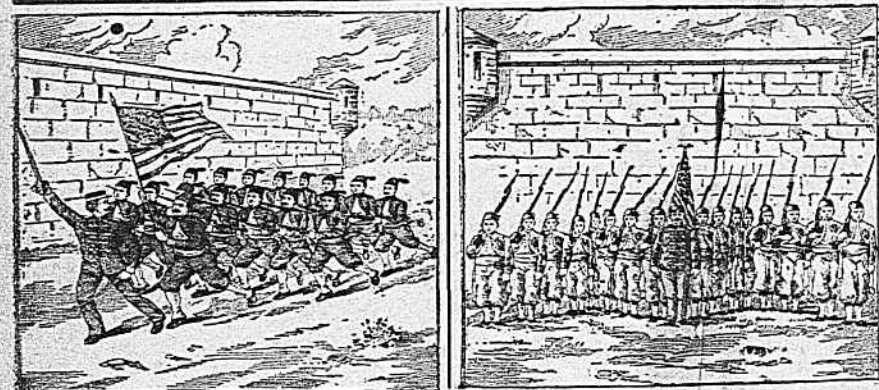
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## HELLEN KELLER

**Will Teach the Blind, Deaf and Dumb**

**WILL DEVOTE HER LIFE TO AID-  
ING THOSE AFFLICTED  
LIKE HERSELF.**

Helen Keller, who has been deaf, dumb and blind since she was 18 months old, but who has pursued a wide range of studies in spite of her infirmities, will be graduated, with the degree of bachelor of arts cum laude, from Radcliffe College, the woman's annex of Harvard University, at Cambridge, Mass., to-day.

Miss Keller, who was 24 years old Monday, has, by reason of her attainments as a student, come to be known as the most wonderful woman in the world. She has acquired an education by the aid of the sense of touch alone. By pressing her finger tips to the mouth of her instructor, Miss Anna Mansfield Sullivan, she is enabled to interpret the spoken words, and by further use of her fingers responds to them.

Miss Keller has determined upon her career. She will, she declares, devote her days to the teaching of the blind, the deaf and the dumb. Thoroughly in sympathy with their restrictions and their needs, she is expected to make an ideal instructor. The young woman is anxious that more books for the blind be printed and that a universal system of raised types be adopted. She urges the publication of a magazine for the blind, of as excellent quality as the best periodicals printed for those who can see.

After a long rest Miss Keller will go to the St. Louis Exposition. One day at the Fair will be set aside as Helen Keller day, and will be observed by an international congress of superintendents and principals of schools for the blind.

For years the training of this girl and her wonderful struggle toward the goal of knowledge have been the marvel of the medical and scientific world. Educators and psychologists have found in her a permanent study of the wonders of the human mind, and scarcely a school child in America is ignorant of her history and achievements.

Helen Keller was born in the town of Tuscumbia, Ala., June 27, 1880. When only 18 months old she became ill of fever, which left her deaf, dumb and blind. Up to the time she was 18 months old the child was perfectly healthy, and her mother was then aiding her in grappling with the intricacies of the English language. After the illness her education ceased until she was 7 years old when her father, at the suggestion of Dr. Alexander Graham Bell, of Washington, with whom he had communicated, wrote to the Perkins institution in South Boston in regard to securing a special teacher for his little girl. Anne Mansfield Sullivan was the teacher selected, and she came to the Keller home in March, 1887. From the date of her arrival the labor from which she has never ceased began.

Little Helen, shorn of three of her senses, resented all overtures, the meaning of which she could not understand. Self-willed, impatient of restraint and passionate, she was apparently anything but a promising pupil. Patience and, ultimately, love, which grew in the heart of the teacher for her helpless charge, finally triumphed.

A common ground was found, the desire to learn was implanted in the darkened mind, and with each learned fact the desire grew stronger. With this change in mentality came also a total change in the child's disposition. A portion of her teacher's patience seemed to be imparted to her, and she became tractable, lovable and loving.

After leaving the Perkins institution Helen Keller was for a time a pupil in the Wright-Humason school, in New York City. It was the desire of her life to go through college. Accordingly, in 1896, accompanied by Miss Sullivan, from whom she had never been separated since their first meeting, she went to Cambridge and entered Arthur Gilman's preparatory school.

There for the first time she was associated with pupils who could both see and hear. She studied French, English, German, Latin and Greek, writing her Greek exercises on a typewriter with Greek lettering, which had been specially constructed for her.

At the opening of the college term at Radcliffe, Miss Keller passed the entrance examination with honor, and for four years has been one of the most successful, as well as one of the hardest working students. Her method of studying is as follows:

Miss Sullivan, who accompanies her to all lectures, spells them with her

hands as rapidly as they are delivered. Of course, having her hands thus occupied, Miss Keller is unable to take any notes, but immediately after the lecture she writes what she particularly desires to remember with her typewriter. This is seldom deemed necessary, as her mind is so remarkably receptive and retentive. At the examination Miss Sullivan is not permitted to be with her pupil. Questions are given her printed in Braille type set up by a teacher from the Perkins institution. She writes out the answers on her typewriter, and they are corrected with those of the other pupils.

Though a close student, Helen Keller is fond of outdoor life, and is never so happy as when in the open air. She is fond of surf bathing, too, though it was some time before she became accustomed to the roughness of the sea and gained enough confidence to thoroughly enjoy the sport. Describing the benefits of her course at Harvard, in a recent talk to the Radcliffe alumnae, Miss Keller said: "College has breathed new life into my mind and given me a new view of things, a perception of new truths and new aspects of old ones. I grow stronger in my conviction that there is nothing good or right which we cannot accomplish if we have the will to strive. The assured reality and nearness of the end of my school days fills me with bright anticipations. The doors of the great world are flung open before me—the light, kindled by the thought that there is something for me to do beyond the threshold."

"And, indeed, for all earnest college graduates there is a great work in the world—work that can be done in sweet, unaggressive ways. There are harsh customs to be made sweet with love, hearts in which a kind, tolerant, brotherly love must be awakened, time-hallowed prejudices that must be overthrown."

"One evil that must be checked is the ignorance of the learned who have never acquired the simple, honest language of the heart, which is the most vital of all languages and is more satisfying than all the Latin and Greek ever written."

"I have groped in my way through college, reaching out in the dark pathway for wisdom, for friendship and for work. I have found much work, abundant friendship and a little wisdom, and I ask for no other blessings."

Miss Keller's studies in college have included the full number of courses necessary to the degree of Bachelor of Arts.

These courses have been distributed as follows: One in French, one in German, two in English composition, half course in Milton, three courses in Latin, one in government, one in economics, one in history of mediaeval Europe, two in Shakespeare, one in Elizabethan literature, one in the English Bible, one in English literature of the nineteenth century and one in the history of philosophy.

#### President's Plans Changed.

The summer arrangements of the President have been modified by the decision of the notification committee of the Chicago convention to inform Mr. Roosevelt officially of his nomination for the Presidency on July 27. The President had expected to return to Washington several days before that date. He will await, however, the formal notification of the committee and return to Washington on July 28. After remaining here for about three weeks he will return again to Oyster Bay, to stay until the latter part of September.—Washington Post.

#### Both Were Lying.

From the Chicago News.] "Where were you when the shot was fired?" asked the judge of the female witness.

"I was lying on the sofa in our back parlor," was the reply.

"And where was your husband?" asked his honor.

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